

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

It's somewhat hard to believe that I have now entered the 7th year as your Mayor. The old adage that "time flies when you're having fun" certainly still applies to my perspective.

But, as with all aspects of life, not everyone is positive or personally pleased with every decision of local government. Accordingly, a degree of frustration and challenge occurs every so often; especially when interacting with what I have come to characterize as the "serial malcontents".

We all have some experience with this personality-type. Those who never have a kind word to say about anyone or anything. Luckily, for all of us individuals and as a community, there are a thousand positive people for every malcontent.

It truly is a great country – **AMERICA!!** Everyone has a right to freedom of speech – but no one has the right to be taken seriously. It is up to each of us to determine the relevance of someone's perspective.

In behalf of your Village Board and Administration, we trust that the summer months were filled with enjoyment and hope that you will continue to enjoy this special little corner of the earth that we call home – that we call Indian Head Park.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your Mayor, I remain,

Sincerely,

Richard F. Pellegrino

P.S. Congratulations to **FRANK ALONZO III** upon beginning his studies at the University of Illinois Medical School. Your success is a point of pride for your entire family as well as the community in which you reside.

Also, please join us for a day filled with family friendly activities on Family Fun Day hosted by the Village of Indian Head Park on Saturday, September 24th at Blackhawk Park. (Refer to flier insert in this issue of Smoke Signals or visit the Village's Website at: www.indianheadpark-il.gov).

Aging Well Update

The Indian Head Park - Aging Well team has recently launched Senior Appreciation Days which gives seniors a 10% discount at several local businesses on Wednesdays. Indian Head Park merchants G. R. Blando Jewelers, Dome Family Restaurant, Lube America, Milano Day Spa & Therapeutic Center, Norm's Cha-Lor Flowers, Terra Bona, Inc., Willow Hills Restaurant and Pancake House and Wolf's Head Inn have agreed to participate in Senior Appreciation Day. Also participating are Minuteman Press and Victor Shade Company of Countryside.

Aging Well is a grassroots initiative started in 2001 by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging. The project's goal is to create elder-friendly communities and to provide an environment in which people can age well. Teams of concerned citizens from towns located throughout the greater Lyons Township work together to address the needs in their communities and improve services to older adults.

The next meeting of the Indian Head Park Aging Well team is **Wednesday, September 21 from 9:30 – 10:30 at the Village offices**. If you would like to share your life experience and be a part of something that makes a difference in the lives of older adults, please join us. All are welcome to attend.

Pleasantview Fire Protection District *Fire Prevention Week "Safety Day"*

The Pleasantview Fire Protection District cordially invites you and your family to visit this year's Fire Prevention "Safety Day" that will be held at the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, at 1970 Plainfield Road, on Saturday, October 15, 2005. Activities will commence at 10:00 a.m. and the events include: firefighting equipment and vehicle displays, a demonstration by Mitch Kushner and his dog Raider from the Office of the State Fire Marshall, child finger-printing and many other family friendly activities. The Indian Head Park Police Department will also be participating in this event. Mark your calendar for this date! Further details may also be obtained by contacting Jim Cornfield at the Pleasantview Fire Protection District at (708) 352-3021, extension 2244.

Police Department Briefing

Your safety starts at home. A few rules to live by: Always lock all doors and windows even if you are going out for just a few minutes, make sure your garage door is closed and locked during evening hours, make sure vehicles are secure, leave no valuables in open view, make sure your address is visible from the street, use timer switches to turn on lights, radios and/or television, leave an outside light on after dark, set alarms on your home and vehicles. Get together with your neighbors, watch their house and ask them to keep an eye on your home while you are away.

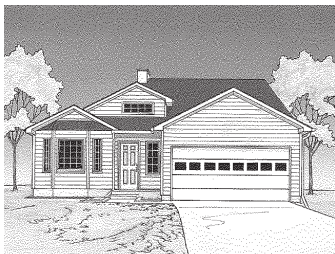
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Thursday, September 8, 2005

Thursday, October 13, 2005

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

E-911 Board 6:00 p.m.:

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

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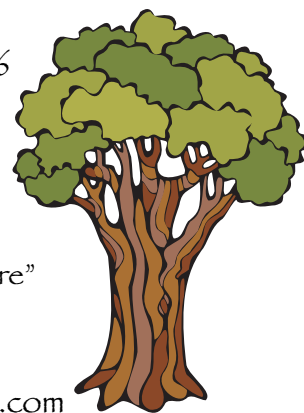
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Lyons Township High School – Lyons Township High School recently announced its first quarter Advisory Honor Roll for the 2004-2005 school year. The Advisory Honor Roll is based on quarter work only including mid-term examinations. Listed are freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students who live in Indian Head Park who have achieved a grade point average of 3.125 or higher. Honor rolls are determined using an unweighted/weighted grade point, whichever is higher. Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park: **(Freshmen):** Anna Bosy, Lauren Brooks, Kevin Campbell, Peggy Condron, Peter Tiflis, Marjorie Fisher Karlyn Hilbrich, Sarah Johnson, Evan Kriz, Philip Legan, Kelly McNamee, Jamie Plzak, David Schmidt Simeon Tzolov, Stefhane Ulfing, Daniel Unger, Antoinette Valenti, Brittany Yelnick. **(Sophomores):** Brittany Anselmo, Chara Dubin, Janice Falotico, Andrea Kovalsky, Francis Lockom, Anna Lundin, Jaimie Ove, Rose Phinick, William Rante, Robert Sophie, Gabrielle Walsh. **(Juniors)** James Austermuehle, Jennifer Bert, David Carlson, Anthony Cefali, Sarah Corbridge, Steven Daar, Julia D'Angelo, William Falotico, Mairin Gilmartin, Thea Green, Brad Hilbrich, Margaret Jarr, Adam Johnson, Michael Maino, Brett Marley, Samantha Meeker, Kristen Parsell, Milos Pavlovic, Diana Rajki, Daniel Raymond, Steven Sholler, Chelsea Strohl, Rachel Stuart, Sarah Stuck, Madeleine Suter, Michael Swarbrick, Christine Villarreal. **(Seniors):** James Begy, Kristina Bouzios, Derrick Brace, Lisa Brandish, Lindsay Breit, William Cisar, Sara Cleary, Colleen Creighton, David Czarnecki, Michael Eckwall, Eleni Hasiakos, Valerie Kovalsky, Talia Kraft, Adam Krupowicz, Alexandra Lanzel, Danielle Legan, Natalie Mikat-Stevens, Gary Novak, Anthony Perrin, Amie Pierce, Christopher Rajki, John Rante, Kelly Reda, Michelle Roberts, James Snaza, Cynthia Truckenbrodt, Michael Turk, Rudolph Valenti, Jacqueline Vitale, Emily Walter.

St. Joseph High School – St. Joseph High School, Westchester – Jonathan Andrews of Indian Head Park, Class of 2005, received an Honor's Diploma from St. Joseph High School, Westchester, IL. He was also awarded the following scholarships and awards:

Scholarships: Lewis University – Frank J. Lewis, Benedictine University – St. Benedict Award, Benedictine University – Catholic School Recognition Award, Monmouth College Academic Scholarship, U.S. Army R.O.T.C. Advanced Designee Scholarship. Jonathan also received

the following awards from St. Joseph High School Class of 2005: Principal's Award for Excellence – Social Studies, Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society, Peace Group Award, Graduating with Honors.



College of DuPage – The College of DuPage announced academic honors for the spring quarters. Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who received honors: Michele Haddad, Michael Iambor, Nolan Mack, Melissa Moskos, Amy Pavlik, Vanessa Rodriguez, Jennifer Sass, James Stern, Elizabeth Wallace, Diana Wong and Barbara Wood.

North Central College, Naperville – North Central College in Naperville recently announced its spring dean's list. Danielle Izac from Indian Head Park was named to the dean's list.

Nazareth Academy – Cate Gula from Indian Head Park earned the "A" Honor Roll status at Nazareth Academy.

Illinois State University – Congratulations to Richard Tepavchevich who earned a bachelor's degree at Illinois State University.

Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago – Katie Warren was named to the Dean's List at Illinois Institute of Technology. Katie is majoring in Technical Communications and Aerospace Engineering and is in the Air Force ROTC.

University of Illinois -- Urbana-Champaign – The University of Illinois recently announced a list of graduates and students who earned dean's list honors. Congratulation to the following students who earned degrees: Francis Alonzo, molecular and cellular biology; Dana Marine, Spanish education; Carrie Truckenbrodt, speech communication and Melissa Wilken, integrative biology. The following students also earned dean's list honors: Elizabeth Austermuehle, Ryan Brummet and Michael Pellegrino.

Purdue University -- West Lafayette, Indiana – Congratulations to Scott Banich and Jill Bert from Indian Head Park who earned degrees from Purdue University.

Elmhurst College – Congratualtions to the following students from Indian Head Park who earned degrees and honors at Elmhurst College: David Curin (business administration/economics); Justin Hegner (summa cum laude, mathematics) and Justin Hegner (dean's list honors).

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One of our young talented residents, Anthony Andres, is a pitcher, outfielder and third baseman with the Orland Park Sparks Travelers baseball team. His team finished 80-3 last season and placed third in a national tournament in Cooperstown, New York. Anthony will be an eighth grader at Highlands Middle School, where he plays basketball and softball, he set a single season school record for most home runs last year in softball and also plays football for the Westchester Raiders. His parents, Jim and Ann Andres are very proud of him!

The Highlands Presbyterian Church located at 1902 West 59th Street (2 blocks east of Wolf Road and right behind the Highlands Elementary School on Plainfield Road), hosts monthly Movie Nights on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Presbyterian Church. A few of the upcoming movie features are: A River Runs Through It (September 9th), Beetlejuice (October 14th), The Nightmare Before Christmas (November 11th) and The Shop Around The Corner (December 9th). For additional information, please contact the Highlands Church at (708) 246-1911 or send an e-mail to: highlandschurch@earthlink.net.

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Charles Eldon Clendenin who was 88 years old. He was a senior draftsman at Ragner Benson Construction for 30 years, he served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II and was a mason for 50 years and active with Mended Hearts Club at Loyola Hospital for 16 years. Edgar Hill Bedwell, who was 87 years old. He worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad until his retirement, he was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus in Lake Worth, Florida and he served in the Navy during World War II.

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Heritage Center Library

Book donations for the Village of Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library are accepted at the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Offices at 201 Acacia Drive anytime during regular office hours. The Heritage Center Library is also open to the public every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with the operations of the library. If you are interested, please contact Jane at (708) 246-0293.

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